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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for extending all courtesies during a telephonic interview of June 14, 2007. During the telephonic interview, Applicants presented several arguments to the Examiner, summarized below.

Applicants have amended independent Claim 61 to remove the recitation of "cutting the core material and at least one face layer secured thereto into a plurality of uncured wallboard or backerboard sheets". Applicants have added new dependent Claims 77, which includes the subject matter of former independent Claim 61, and 78. Support for new dependent Claim 78 may be found on page 22, lines 1-18. Applicants submit that all claims are patentable and present arguments and amendments herein supporting such patentability.

I. The Claimed Invention

Independent Claim 61, for example, is directed to a method for making wallboard or backerboard sheets. The method comprises dispensing materials for making aerated concrete into a mold and allowing the materials to rise and stiffen into a body, and dividing the body into uncured sheets having opposing first and second major surfaces to serve as the core material. Claim 61 has been amended to recite the method includes securing at least one face layer on at least one of the first and second major surfaces of the core material, and curing the uncured core material with the at least one face layer secured thereto in an autoclave.